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Military Information from Fuerstenwalde

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 11 May 1952, 10 new, [redacted] trucks and 2 x 76.2-mm field guns were unloaded from flatcars, and numerous boxes from six boxcars, at the Fuerstenwalde (H 53/V 33) railroad station. Twelve more new [redacted] trucks and numerous boxes from four boxcars were unloaded on 15 May. All vehicles, carrying the boxes, drove toward Ketschendorf.
2. On 18 May, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at Waldfrieden quartered about 500 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and motor transport insignia and some black-bordered black epaulets. Training activity was observed only at the new AA gun emplacement at the landing field, where 40 to 50 soldiers daily practiced with four 85-mm AA guns. [redacted] prior to 1 May 1952, about 60 officers and EM operated the medical depot, the grinding shop and the glass blowing section and about 80 officers and EM the radio equipment depot and radio work shop. The AAA unit there numbered 60 to 80 officers and EM. [redacted] this was the total occupation prior to 1 May. [redacted] (1)
3. On 18 May, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse was occupied by 500 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] two T-34/85 tanks in the vicinity of the garages several days before. T-34/85 tank [redacted] was seen on the nearby training grounds, engaged in machine gun firing at practice targets placed at distance of about 800 meters. Four T-34 tanks, [redacted] drove to the Neuendorf training area. [redacted] (2)
4. During the period from 9 to 18 May 1952, the barracks installation on the road to Rauen quartered 600 to 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. There was much activity in the billeting area; however, no training was noticed. (3)
5. A train of 80 to 100 axles, which stood at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station at 7 p.m. on 13 May 1952, was headed toward Berlin and carried numerous 76.2-mm field guns, field howitzers, light AA guns and AT guns. [redacted] the guns to have been factory new.

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6. On 17 May, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne near Waldfrieden quartered 600 to 700 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 150 men were engaged in physical exercise and about 60 in motor vehicle maintenance duty. An AA gun emplacement was northeast of the airfield. 25X1

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7. On 19 May, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Thirty tanks, including some of type JS-2, stood in the sheds. (2)

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Comments.

- (1) According to a report of mid-April 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity by two regiments of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The present report tends to indicate that fewer troops were stationed there in the middle of May 1952. It is believed that components of these regiments were absent for practices in Wustrow and Jueterbog. The information in the reference report conflicts with paragraph 2 of the present report, according to which no major AAA units were stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne prior to 1 May 1952. soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were stationed in the installation. However, the presence of these soldiers did not agree with previous information on the installation. The exact occupation is therefore still undetermined.
- (2) Considering that the unidentified tank training battalion of the 7th Gds Mecz Div and rear details of four units of the division are stationed in the Pionier Kaserne, the number of troops observed there appears normal.
- (3) reported the barracks installation on the road to Rauen to have been occupied by a rear unit of 50 men at the beginning of May 1952. As most of the troops of the 7th Gds Mecz Div are stationed at the Lieberose troop training grounds, the present information appears rather improbable.

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